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The Moon is Full of Prunes.

Scientists are now convinced that the moon has withdrawn its interest in farming operations on the earth's surface. We do not like to impart this information to farmers and others who have so long placed infinite reliance upon the moon's interference in American agriculture. It is hard to see our most cherished plans shattered, our sacred traditions destroyed by the intrigues of science. At one time it was the almost universal belief that nothing should be planted except in some one of the moon's many phases—that our lunar orb must be consulted, its little idiosyncrasies respected, before we could plant potatoes, beans, cabbage, besides the many other luxuries of the garden. And now, when mankind's convictions had been settled for many generations in the belief of the moon's supremacy over personal affairs, along comes meddling science and exposes what it calls another superstition. And this moon sharp is none other than the Department of Agriculture. Whether its diagnosis covers Young county, or merely the blackland district, that \$200 an acre luxury, that needs the assistance of an outside planet to make a crop, no advice has reached us. But, here is what the department says:

"The moon obviously does not effect the character of the soil in any way, neither does it effect the composition of the atmosphere. The only remaining way in which it could influence plant growth, therefore, is by its light. Recent experiments, however, show that full daylight is about 600,000 times brighter than full moonlight, yet when a plant gets 1-100th part of normal daylight it thrives little better than in absolute darkness."

We hate to be the instrument to blast the confiding faith, for to withdraw moon-farming from some is almost equivalent to denying them their favorite religion. It further says:

"It is a waste of time to think about the moon in connection with the planting of crops. The moon has nothing more to do with this than it has to do with the building of fences, the time for killing hogs, or any other of the innumerable things over which it was once supposed to exert a strong influence."

Just what influence this will have upon the activities of the believer in moon cultivation is hard to say, but it may have the effect of taking some of the conceit out of the man in the moon whose periodical habits are reprehensible to say the least.

Christian Church.

Bible school at 10 a. m. Communion at 10:45 a. m. Sermon at 8:15 p. m.

There will be no preaching at the 11 o'clock hour because of the bacchalaureate sermon at the Baptist church.

Christian Endeavor, 7:30 P. M. Theme—"Religious Reading, What and Why?"—Psalms 119: 129-136.

Leader—Miss Ethel Johnson. Hebrews 2:1-4—"To Keep Close to the Christ"—Miss Verda Martin.

Acts 1:1-4—"To Get an Account of Life of Jesus."—Miss Lucille Reed.

John 20:30—"That We Might Believe."—Will Johnson.

Reading of the 19th Psalm.—Miss Ethel Birdwell. Psalm 48:12-14.—J. E. Evans.

Mrs. J. W. Burgess and daughter, Mary Lue, and Mrs. Oliver Burgess of South Bend were shopping in the city Monday. While here they paid The Reporter a pleasant call.

Graham Wins from Jacksboro.

Jacksboro High came over Saturday to wallopp the Graham High, but got her plough cleaned to the tune of six to five. This would indicate a close game, but Jack's score was run up in the last of the game by a change of line-up in their batting order. All the good hitters they had were put to bat in the last two innings of the game, regardless of former position.

Graham's first score was made in the third inning when Rickman got a hit and stole second, Tackett pounded out one for two bases when the left fielder failed to handle the ball and Rickman came home. Two more were made in this inning when Stoffers walked, stole second, Holt got one for two bases and Tackett and Stoffers came home.

Two more were annexed in the sixth when Holt was safe on error by second, Ligon landed one for three sacks, Holt scoring. Ligon scored on Eddleman's out to second.

The last score was made in the seventh on Stoffer's walk, stole second and third and came in on a hit by Holt.

Jacksboro's first score, resulted in the second when Ware was safe on error by short stop, stole second and came in on a passed ball.

Their second score was credited to Myers in the fourth, who hit for a single, stole second and came home when Speck got on through Prideaux's error and Tackett tried to catch Myers on third. The ball struck Myers and bounced to the outfield, giving him ample time to make it in.

In the ninth they annexed three more, but the batting order had been so badly jumbled that we were unable to keep track of those making the plays. The scores, however are credited to Ware, Carpenter and E. Myers.

Time of game: One hour, forty-five minutes. Umpire, Chas. Keen.

Farewell Picnic.

About thirty of the G. H. S. students gathered at the school house last Wednesday evening for the last time this year. We venture to say that some went more willingly than usual, for that was decided upon as the meeting place, for the last picnic. It was given in honor of the out-of-town students who will leave for home at once; and for the "grads," who will not be very likely to attend the G. H. S. another year. The crowd was conveyed to the "Violet Grounds" in a couple of floats, where they "made merry" until a late hour.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were: Misses Eula and Beulah Stone, Vera Gatlin, Neweta Flint, Sadie Scott, Leah Stewart, Marie Cochran, Eloise Morrison, Catherine Craig, Elizabeth Johnson, Artie Norman, Lovella Eddleman, Zada Burkett, Ruth McLaren, Lottie Marshall and Berenice Miller; Messrs. James Porter, Jr., Henry Schlittler, Jr., Zeral Birdwell, George Prideaux, Sam Ligon, Albert Holt, Sidney Self, Oliver Loving, J. C. Rickman, Chris. Stoffers, Grey Howard, John Lynch, Fred Hudson, Floy Hinson and Rob Burns.

Mr. Burke and Miss Miller chaperoned the crowd with the greatest of care.

New Bridge Across Clear Fork.

The commissioners court has let a contract to Newton & Co., of Weatherford to build a bridge across the Clear Fork near the old reunion grounds. It is to be a steel bridge to cost \$2,965.

Reporter's Query Box.

So often our readers desire to know certain facts which prompt a question in their minds, and not having reliable information at hand, let the questions go unanswered. If you have a question you would like to have answered, send it to The Reporter. Write your question plainly, upon one side of the paper only, and sign your own name and address. Your name will not be published, but it must be signed as an evidence of good faith.

This week we received the following questions:

Question: Is rust on wheat of parasitic form, and at what stage of development does the grain become immune?

Answer: The rusty-colored mildew of wheat and other cereals is produced by coniomycetous fungals. The common rust of corn is Puccinia graminis, which infests also ordinary grasses. The tufts are dense, oblong, often confluent, and forming long parallel lines, changing from yellowish brown to black. Immunity is not had, the growth being prevented only by hot sunshine.

Question: Is the average quantity for sowing per acre decreased on clay or sandy soil?

Answer: The amount per acre to be sown rests principally on the time of year rather than character of soil, since late sowing does not give ample time for spreading, as does early sowing. An analysis of soil would be necessary to determine the quantity, as some sandy soils are richer than clay, and vice versa, the poorest soil requiring the heaviest seeding.

Question: What is the best average quantity for these two soils?

Answer: See above.

Question: Are cattle which have been vaccinated for anthrax less easily kept in good condition than those on which the vaccine has not been used?

Answer: As a rule cattle do not suffer from vaccination except for a feverish condition for a few days, and a change of feed is not considered necessary. Loss of weight may be noticed during this time, but will be regained when the fever period has passed.

Question: What is the enrollment in the Graham Independent School District, and what is the total in Young county?

Answer: The new enrollment will be published about June 1st, as it is not yet complete.

Question: Who appoints the scholastic census taker, and what are his duties? What is his salary?

Answer: The County Superintendent appoints the census takers in the common school districts, and the president of the school board appoints in the independent districts. Their duties are to enroll, as nearly as possible, every child within scholastic age. Four cents per scholar is paid for this service.

LES HIBOUX

Miss Zella Allen entertained the Les Hiboux last Friday with three tables in play.

After playing several games the hostess served a delicious salad course consisting of chicken salad, potato chips, hot rolls and ice tea.

Miss Dorothy Graham won high score prize, a dainty piece of lingerie, and Miss Ethel Birdwell won the cut prize, a pretty piece of crochet.

Members present: Mesdames Stovall, Norman, E. S. Graham, B. Street, Criswell, Hutchison, Fowler, Gay; Misses Bladen Garrett, Eula Logan and Dorothy Graham. Invited guests: Misses Emma Price, Ethel Birdwell and Nelle Graham.

Ladies' Aid Entertained

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church was entertained Thursday, May 13, at the home of Mrs. Z. A. Hudson by the group composed of Mesdames Hudson, Kay, John E. Morrison, Nat Price and Rehders.

Those present will long remember it as one of the most enjoyable events in the history of Ladies' Aid socials.

After all had gathered Mrs. Nat Price as "Master of Ceremonies" gave the welcome in the following words:

"Welcome thrice!—We have always felt proud of our co-workers in the Ladies' Aid. Their love for each other has been tested; their literary and biblical knowledge is not to be excelled; yet, as a band they have never had the opportunity of showing to each other that they have another gifted talent, music; so this afternoon we are going to give each one that opportunity. As we sit and listen to the sweet strains of "Home Sweet Home," or should it be a more classical piece, such as "Yankee Doodle," as they are wafted out on the evening breeze, we will know some of the descendants of the noted Paderewski or Jennie Lind is among us."

As she then called off the names of those present, almost everyone responded by playing on some musical instrument or by singing, and as a result some heretofore unknown talent which has doubtless been "wasting its sweetness on the desert air," was discovered. The mandolin and guitar duet by Mrs. A. A. Morrison and Mrs. Fowler, instrumental selections on the piano by Mesdames McJimsey, Jones, Hall, H. Morrison, Claggett were all enjoyed. Mesdames Rubenkoenig and Rehders sang German songs as their answer to the roll call, Mesdames Tom and Nat Price answered with a vocal duet, "Sleep, Baby, Sleep," and Mrs. Duncan with "Your Lad from Ireland" accompanied by Mrs. A. Kay.

The number which received the greatest amount of applause was that of Mrs. John E. Morrison when she sang in her sweet voice "It's a Long Way to Tipperary." Mrs. Mosely brought a music box which played three tunes in bell like tones, and Mrs. Hallam played "Home Sweet Home" very expressively on a mouth harp. Mr. Hall's selection on the Jew's harp was undoubtedly very classical judging by its lack of tune and the number of eloquent pauses.

After Miss Annie Lucille Morrison had read that laughable little piece, "A Peach Pie," the hostesses served delicious cherry ice cream and two kinds of cake.

The guests outside of the Ladies' Aid members were: Mesdames Mosely, Walter Price, Hall Morrison, Fowler, and Claggett of Chillicothe, and Miss Mayzelle Morrison.

H Bar L Ranch Booming.

H. M. Jones, who owns the famous H. Bar L. Ranch—now all in farm—was out on the place Tuesday and reports the wheat and oats in splendid shape, and nearly as high as an ordinary man. His son, Jesse, owns the crop and claims for it the banner field of Young county.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Woods of Newcastle and Wendell Woods of Seymour were in Graham Sunday to visit Mrs. Will Norman.

Frank Loftin of Hawkins Chapel was in the city Monday visiting his brother, County Treasurer Rube Loftin.

Father's Night at Methodist Church.

On next Sunday night the services will be given especially to the honoring of the father's that we have, and have had. I want to ask every father who can, to come and let us honor our fathers, and talk about what kind of fathers we ought to be. I want you to bring your boy with you. And I want to ask that every wife and mother and daughter come and show their appreciation for this great friend.

We ought to have a good service together in honor of the men that have toiled through the ages to the end that their children might enjoy the blessings of life.

Ask every man you see to come to the service and let us have a good time together. We had a great mother's day service. Now let us have one for the fathers and the men. Remember the time is next Sunday night at the Methodist church.

J. Hall Bowman.

Pupils' Recital.

The pupils of Prof. Crabb rendered a most excellent program at the High School auditorium last Friday evening, which was enjoyed by all present. The rendition of the different numbers by those taking part showed much progress and careful, painstaking instruction on the part of the teacher.

The piano solos by Marjorie Hudson, Ione Short, Evelyn Melton, Bessie Mayes, Frances Bell, Rosemary Bowman, Helen Widmayer, Francis Bowron and Lucy Morris were well played and displayed a talent being well developed under careful teaching.

The opening number, a piano duet, by Sadie Eddleman and Lena Stoffers received the approval of all.

The duet by Edith Birdwell and Mary Hudson should receive special mention, as the tempo was well kept throughout.

Taxes Levied for 1915.

The commissioners court has set the tax rate for 1915, lowering it five cents on the hundred dollar valuation. The levy is as follows:

General County, 25c.
Road and Bridge special 15c.
Brazos River Bridge 5c.
Reynolds Brazos River Bridge 3 cents.
Road and Bridge general 7c.
Jury Fund 5c.
Total, 60 cents.

In order to reduce the rate the Court House special of 5 cents was dropped, as were also the Bridge Bond Interest and Sinking fund of 1½ cents and Bridge Repair fund of one cent. The Road and Bridge fund, which was 4½ cents last year is now seven cents. This will give us quite a good deal more money to spend on roads and bridges, and the county is sadly in need of it.

The Reporter congratulates the Court on the re-setting of our taxes, since it is placing our money where it will do the most good.

Priscilla Club.

The Priscilla Club will meet next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. Will Norman. This will be the last meeting of the club until September 14, 1915.

Teachers' Examination.

The regular examination for teachers' state and county certificates will be held in Graham the first Friday and Saturday in June.

P. L. Mayben of Murray was a business visitor in Graham Tuesday.

Christian Endeavor.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones Friday night. As there were very few boys there, Mrs. Jones bet Mr. Jones that the girls could make them talk. She lost her bet. The boys didn't say anything for five minutes. Then strings with small packages tied to them were given to Eloice and Nat to see who could chew their string up first. Nat was successful and received both packages in which were a spool of thread and a package of needles. The next contest was between Mrs. Hall and Norma. One was given a glass of water to sup with a spoon and the other a plate of crackers to eat. Norma succeeded in devouring the crackers first.

Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, after which informal games were indulged in until a rather late hour. "Apples" was the hero of the evening.

The crowd dispersed, after bidding the Jones' good-bye and thanking them for a most enjoyable evening. Besides members of the Endeavor, the guests of the occasion were: Catherine Craig, Norma Copeland and Ethel Gilmore.

KOMO

The farmers have been and are still very busy since the beautiful weather has begun.

Mrs. Sallie Akers went to Graham second Monday.

W. H. Burnett and son, Melbourne, went to Newcastle Saturday.

Mrs. N. R. Martin went to Graham one day last week.

L. F. Evans and son, Leonard, and Hester Brooks went to Marion Henderson's at Salem Friday.

J. T. Townsend was one of the second Monday visitors at Graham.

Herschell Akers spent Sunday night with Austin White.

Mrs. Joe Vaughn and Miss Alice Vaughn of Lone Star passed through this community Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Griffin, a 12 pound boy.

Albert Martin and family and Arthur Bower and family visited at the Graham Ranch Saturday night and Sunday.

Tom Fletcher went to Eliasville Saturday.

Mrs. Sallie Akers called at Mrs. Griffin's one day last week.

J. I. Guess and Roy Pardue went to Newcastle Saturday.

Mr. Macey and family of near Graham came in their car to A. C. White's Sunday.

Messrs. Obe Clark and Langford were at G. R. White's Sunday.

Here, Dago, take my pencil. Pansy.

The first episode of the Master Key was shown at the New Electric Theatre Monday night to a packed house, and it is without doubt the best serial ever shown in the city. The second episode will be shown tonight.

Rev. T. E. Cannedy, former pastor of the Baptist church at this place, now of Wichita Falls, preached to a large congregation at the Baptist church here Sunday night. Monday he was shaking hands with his many friends in the city.

Mrs. Callie Shannon of Henry Chapel leaves Saturday for Denton to visit her daughter, Miss Mattie, who will return with her to spend the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bower, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kessler, John Ragland and Louis Bower spent from Friday till Sunday on the Clear Fork fishing.

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All advertisements will be run and charged for until ordered out, unless contracted for a specified time.

No copy for advertisements or reports of Clubs or other news items will be accepted later than 12 o'clock on Wednesday before publication day

Friends of prohibition are circulating a petition to determine whether saloons shall continue in Wichita county.

Australia in 1913 exported over 35,000,000 pounds of butter, according to a news dispatch.

Europe is depending largely on glowing reports from this country on the impending big wheat crop.

The production of cottonseed oil in Texas has become one of the greatest industries in the South. The output is now over 200,000,000 gallons a year.

Aside from the United States, the Dominion of Canada has a display at the Panama-Pacific Exposition equal to or greater than that of any other country.

The sheep industry of Young county is gradually yielding to the encroachments of the man who raises wheat, cattle, hogs, while fruits and vegetables are not scorned.

General Scott is the man to settle with Germany for the Lusitania tragedy. At least the grizzled old warrior has successfully negotiated everything he has ever gone after.

Ex-president Taft has written to President Wilson expressing confidence in the executive's ability to handle the delicate complication growing out of the sinking of the Lusitania.

A northern manufacturer in Texas recently said he had heard numbers of important financial men say "Texas was the best business prospect in all the country." Texas continues to build and expand regardless of monetary depression. Come to Texas.

England admits the loss of 201 vessels exclusive of naval attachments and the drowning of 1556 men, contained in reports last week. If England admits this much it may be taken as a very conservative statement of facts.

The press of the country is almost unanimous in its expression of commendation for the positive position taken by the President in his note to Germany dealing with the Lusitania incident.

During an investigation at Weatherford into the cause of death among cattle in the cross timbers. State Veterinarian Crisman, found that the stomachs of animals contained large quantities of oak leaves. Tannin in the leaves is said to be the poisonous agent that caused the wholesale deaths, it creating an abnormal appetite, and eaten in quantities has a similar effect on stock as the loco weed.

It may be commendable to talk about helping the farmer. But many farmers are from Missouri and would be satisfied if some one would show them how to help themselves.

Home economics for the high schools is being agitated by teachers' associations of several states. The association in Kansas recently in session insists on a uniform course and has arranged for such at the agricultural college.

China has signified its willingness to adopt a policy of reciprocity with Japan, but in the "open door" arrangement Japan insists on being the janitor, and all good American flat-dwellers know the ominous possibilities conveyed by that word amount to practical confiscation.

According to the Farm and Ranch, in the sixteenth century dictionaries were chained in the school houses as Bibles were in the churches by reason of their costliness and rarity. Numerous orthographical mistakes of the twentieth century would indicate that many dictionaries are still chained.

Several million gallons of a marketable commodity of choice nut oil are lost yearly in British Honduras because no practical means has been found for its recovery. There are also several million choice nuts running loose in the United States, but it is not believed any marketable commodity is being lost on account of it.

In his address to 15,000 naturalized citizens in Philadelphia last week President Wilson said: "My advice to you is, think first of humanity." It was the key to the administration's attitude toward Germany in dealing with the Lusitania episode.

The appended extract from an advertisement of the Seymour Mill, Elevator & Light company might be read with interest by Graham people. It will not be run as a serial. The Reporter does not think it will be necessary. It is a free prescription offered as a testimonial by a grateful patient who proved its efficacy:

"Seymour is enthused now with the booster spirit. This is without doubt the best thing that has happened to our town in many years. We are going to shake off our lethargy and become a pulsating, dominating, concentrated force for the improvement of our town and county. It is really remarkable what can be accomplished with the proper amount of energy, determination and co-operation. Let's forget all past personal differences, compromise quickly new ones as they arise and pull together for a more sightly Seymour and a more beautiful, bountiful Baylor. It's not a philanthropic but a business proposition anyway, in which all ought to invest. The returns may not be so tangible but we have all seen where they have proven positive and substantial."

The above is as good doctrine as may be found between the covers of a Bible. It is the preaching of common sense and embodies the three graces—Faith, Hope and Charity, which we are wont to preach and pray about, but do not always conscientiously practice in the occupations of our daily life. "Now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three; the greatest of these is charity"—I. Cor. 13:13. Let us not be of those cold

and shallow souls who know no victory nor yet will admit defeat. The wise and charitable conquer difficulties by daring to attempt them. Sloth and folly shiver and shriek at the shadow, while they themselves make the substance that they fear. He alone has righteousness who cannot be deprived of it.

There can be no question of the progress and uplifting spirit of the city of Dallas. Religious exercises were held at the dedication of the handsome new jail recently with all the pomp and pageantry of a gladiatorial contest in the days of Roman splendor. There is likely to be rivalry between intending patrons of penal institutions of Dallas and Fort Worth when Tarrant county's new jail is thrown open to the public. The criminally inclined need have no fear of sacrificing self-respect during curtailment of liberty while compulsory guests of either of these cities. It is a wise crook that seeks those fields holding out the most enticing inducements to the "profesh."

The decision of The Reporter to issue a large Booster Edition at an early date as announced in last week's issue is exciting the lively interest of both city and country residents. Farmers and stock raisers particularly are giving encouragement by valuable suggestions as well as by their financial backing. Quite a number have already called and others have sent in letters containing checks for individual representation in the columns of the Booster Edition. It is this source of information coming as it does from representative farmers and those engaged in cattle raising that will make one of the most important features of the edition. Every person and section of the county will be taken care of. The data secured from personal interviews with farmers will be of valuable historical interest, not only to non-residents, but to home people themselves. The authenticity of the write-ups secured in this way will be unquestioned, the name of each party interviewed being known as a substantial citizen of undoubted truth and veracity.

To facilitate the great work the publishers are engaged in all parties are reminded of the importance of calling early or sending in letters containing the information and general data bearing directly upon themselves as well as for the enlightenment of the general reader.

The undertaking of getting out a Booster Edition of this character includes hard work and much expense, therefore we depend upon our enterprising citizens of the county to render what aid they can in making it the success its promoters have determined it should be.

Hallelujah Hymn of Good Times

Our people are encouraged to believe that this belt of the west is on the eve of a revival of good times. The favorable outlook for a large yield of wheat with the promise of full maturity of other crops is already beginning to feel the tremor all along the line of the general business pulse. Our country has unjustly been made to bear a large part of the burden of a foreign war in which we in no way figured in its making. It has been said the results will be a lesson to us in prudence and economy—it will show the necessity of discharging our former prodigality in living and force us to practice frugality in times of plenty in order to be prepared to better combat the reverses of adverse years. But the American people are quick at adaptation, to adjust themselves to any circumstances. There would be no complaint from our citizenship were it not for the fact that in all great crises the poor alone are the greatest sufferers, those who are least able to meet them.

The war was made but a pretext for the panic in this country, as all informed people know.

British and American politicians and manufacturers precipitated the United States into a death grapple for existence as they always do when their pet protective tariff theories are halted by a change of administration. Exporting manufacturers are not injured by a period of general business depression which they brought on themselves, because their industries will resume with increased time and facilities without losing a single dollar on the tailor-made panic.

But we have weathered the storm, and if our acquired knowledge in compulsory education is judiciously used in being more magnanimous and charitable among ourselves, the lesson will not be without its uses even though administered by the disciples of graft and greed. We now know that to succeed it is essential that all citizens of each and every community should act as one on every question that strikes at the vitals of the local place and development. Co-operation can face and overcome any contingency, and now that we are backed up by promises of a golden harvest, on the eve of a revival of business, it rests with us—our manhood and womanhood—whether we make Graham a paradise in which to live, or childishly give way to petty, imagined grievances. Remember, "in unity there is strength." "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Nobody can win a race looking backward. Let not prejudice be our strongest weakness.

The pupils of Miss Lucile Miller will give an entertainment at the Opera House on Friday evening, May 21st, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock. The programme will consist of varied readings, music by High School Glee Club, and will close with a short play. Two medals will be awarded. Admission, ten cents for school children and fifteen cents for adults.

Stated meeting of Young County Lodge No. 485 Saturday evening, May 22nd, beginning at 8 o'clock. Annual election of officers. All Master Masons are cordially invited. W. McClatchy, Sect. D. G. Vick, W. M.

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April 16, 1915.

Graham Mill & Elevator Co.,

Graham, Texas.

Gentlemen:

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Yours respectfully,

(Signed) Dr. Malcolm Graham,

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ROCK CREEK

Hello Mr. Editor, scribes and readers. How are you all this beautiful Sunday afternoon?

There has not been very much news this week and I have been so busy I've not had time to sit on my box and catch the news.

Bro. Roark preached an interesting sermon Sunday. He and Sister Roark took dinner with O. B. Bennett and family and attended the singing in the afternoon.

Part of J. H. Bennett's family and Mr. Shuck attended the dance at Malven Clendenning's Saturday night, the 8th inst.

J. J. Foster and father made a flying trip to Bryson Saturday.

Mr. Bird and daughters, Miss Catherine and Mrs. Bray, attended church Sunday and spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Burk.

Some of the Union Ridge boys attended church here Sunday. Come back again.

Bro. Lipscomb of Bryson has an appointment here for Sunday, the 23rd at 11 o'clock. Everybody come and bring someone with you.

J. D. Burk was able to go fishing Saturday. His son, E. H. and J. J. Foster accompanied him. They caught only a few fish and a very large snake.

Milton Harmon left last week but I didn't learn where he was going. He will be greatly missed. Here's hoping him good luck.

E. B. Davidson visited friends here Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Olree and children visited Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Burk Saturday night.

Mrs. S. L. Burk and daughter spent Saturday night with Mrs. D. W. Burk.

Last night (Sunday night) was a very blustery night.

Health in this community is very good at present.

Our hearts were made sad when we learned of the death of Miss Alta Parsons. We extend our sincere sympathy to relatives and friends.

I will quit and leave room for some good writer. Daisy Flat.

HAWKINS CHAPEL

Elsie Tedrow called at Jesse Oatman's Sunday afternoon.

The literary school closed last Friday. Prof. Simpson taught a good school and we wish him well in his work as a teacher.

Misses Baker were the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Elsie Tedrow Sunday.

Mrs. R. Loftin, of Graham, was visiting here the first of the past week. She visited Mesdames Tom Loftin and Elsie Tedrow, and was accompanied by Russel Dean.

Robert Miller took Prof. W. E. Simpson to meet the train at Loving Saturday morning. Mr. Simpson was going to his home at Bryson.

There was Sunday school at 10:45 Sunday morning.

The farmers did some "real" work in their crops last week.

Sunday night there was a cloud came up from the northwest. It was accompanied by wind which blew hard for a while but did no damage to amount to anything.

Jim Oatman and family and A. E. Oatman dined with C. S. Newman and wife Sunday.

Messrs. Jesse and A. E. Oatman went to Graham Saturday. Walter Baker's family was visiting Sunday.

Frank Loftin worked for Mr. Baker last week.

Mrs. Tom Thigpen has been indisposed for the past week.

Tom Loftin went to Loving Saturday.

Robert Miller and wife visited his sister and family of West Fork last Sunday.

Mr. Bagley and wife went to Loving Saturday.

T. F. Harman and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thigpen Sunday.

Bro. McCord preached at the school house Thursday and Friday nights of last week.

Violet.

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GRAHAM, TEXAS

Live News from our Correspondents

BUNGER

Uncle John Driver sold his big black mule last week for \$150.00.

Bro. Dickson filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday, with good attendance each day.

Lee McLaren is still down with the mumps.

Frank Parsons planted beans for A. Smith near Bunger last Monday.

H. A. Driver and R. L. McLaren are calculating on taking a trip to Dallas the 3rd of June, in the interest of the gin business.

The Goose happened into Joe Carter's Wednesday for dinner just in time to eat fish with him. He was just in from the Clear Fork with plenty.

Silver Bell, you guessed right about the Goose. I was born December 23, 1871.

I guess some of us are glad the women can't vote for they would put down baseball forever and a day.

Azure Skies, you ought to be down here with us to play ball. We would have a full team.

The Goose wandered down about Fox Hollow Saturday afternoon. We went through some foxy looking country on our way. We crossed "Big Wusser" just after we crossed the line but finally got there.

Pickwick and the Foxes were playing ball. Picwick beat the Foxes 7 to 4 and Gooseneck played the winners 10 to 4 and left there late, arriving at Bunger late that night. We broke our buggy down and had to work on it until about 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The Bible says don't hesitate one moment if the ox is in the ditch.

Say Plow Boy, you let this Bible reference alone, I have forgotten just where you can find it.

Salemite, I am glad we have very few bachelors if they are any more troublesome than the rats. The rats are awful over here believe me.

J. G. Parsons worked two days trying to get a seat put on his Georgia stock. He just threw it down and sat down on it.

Odel Johnson is thinning corn for Mr. Storm this week.

Asbury Caudill has the best barn I have seen this year.

J. H. Rhodes has quit tobacco on short order.

Wheat has the rust pretty bad in the Bend so I am told. Oats look good.

Uno told me in Graham one day that he was president of the "Hurrah Grass" Society.

Goose.

GOOSENECK

Here I come after being absent last week, begging to be excused. I have been so busy since it has stopped raining that I did not take time to write, therefore I may mention some of last week's news.

There was not very many at Big Monday from here as they were busy in their crops.

Alfred and Frank Parsons went to Bunger Monday, and while there visited A. M. Smith.

Eugene West of Veals Creek called on Joe Parsons one day last week.

Miss Maggie Reed has returned home from a visit to her sister at Inai.

Miss Pearl Frazier called on the Reed family Monday.

Elmer and Lee McLaren went to Cedar Creek to catch fish, but instead they caught the mumps.

R. L. McLaren and wife went to Graham Tuesday.

Odel Johnson and Murry Conder went with the McLaren boys to fish but they did not catch the mumps.

John Clark says he has been "devil" his corn all the week.

Homeite, you certainly did have good luck when you went opossum hunting.

Luther Kelley has the mumps and several others have been trying to have them but failed.

Mack Rose is very sick from

a relapse of the mumps. Little Dave Clark is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Vaden's baby is also sick.

Mrs. S. J. Kelley sat up with the Rose family Saturday night.

Several of the boys attended a ball game at Fox Hollow Saturday.

Oscar James and family went to Bunger Saturday afternoon.

Messrs. Hall, Rhodes, Conder and Parsons measured the road to Bunger to church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Youngblood and daughter are reported sick.

Jeff Grantham and wife were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nevel Rhodes Sunday.

Frank Vaden and wife were visitors to Mr. and Mrs. Berry Sunday.

S. J. Kelley has a swollen jaw caused from a rising.

G. W. Mahaney of Bunger came to see Joe Parsons Sunday morning.

Crops are looking fine. What's wrong, Tulip that you and so many others are absent?

Excuse me Goose, I may step over the line a little.

Aunt Narcia Sneed at Bunger is on the sick list.

As news is scarce, except that everyone has the mumps or expecting to have them, I will close.

Gander.

INDIAN MOUND

Sunday school was well attended here Sunday.

Mesdames G. W. McComas, and W. W. Hoggard visited Mrs. Will Grubbs, who is very sick, last Thursday.

Mrs. Austin Bird and Miss Jean Bryan visited at the home of A. J. Bryan of Dakin from Thursday till Friday.

Mrs. A. J. Bryan and son visited relatives here from Friday until Monday.

G. W. McComas and R. G. Taylor were business visitors at Graham Saturday.

Misses Vergie Borchardt, Gertrude and Irene Taylor and W. W. Hoggard and family took dinner at the home of H. H. Stephens Sunday.

Miss Fay Fisher took dinner with Miss Lena Dollins Sunday.

Last Friday night H. H. Stephens and family, R. G. Taylor and family, Misses Minnie Fisher, Ivy and Jean Bryan, Messrs. John McComas, E. G. Williamson and family and perhaps others whose names we failed to get attended the exhibition at Red Top.

Kid never saw but two of the Correspondents at the exhibition and they were Spinster Maid and Augusta.

Jack o' Diamonds we are truly glad to see you with us once more.

Well, well, what about the excuse Jack o' Diamonds put up for not writing?

If you ever carried anyone to heaven by swinging to your coat tail I haven't heard about it. Yes, I think bumblebee fighting on Sunday just as honorable as riding wild horses on Sunday.

You asked me if I thought all the preachers that the Bible speaks of were Baptists, also was God a Missionary Baptist.

You have the same kind of a book for your information that I have, so I will let you be your own judge on this matter. I have all reason to believe they were Baptists. Please don't think I am throwing mud at any other denomination for I am not.

What few times I attended Sunday school at Flint Creek it was a Methodist school and the preaching was Methodist, too, except twice.

I did not mean that the Flint Creekers were lazy, I only meant they were badly behind with their work.

While I was in Graham Saturday I saw Salemite, Roseite, Candy Kid, and I am not sure but I think I saw Carrie Nation at a distance. I had a log chat with our good old friendly Correspondent, Jack o' Diamonds. Jack was all smiles as usual. I guess he will look awful sweet this week, that is if

he eats all that candy by himself.

Thanks, Bono, for the invitation to help eat fruit. I will sure help "Sleepy Eyes" as you call her, wash the dishes. But Salemite won't wash the dishes at home when he can help it.

I may visit your town the last of this month if I can. If I do I hope to see you.

Brunette, tell us something more about that wise and witty Correspondent getting married.

Yes, Pansy, we will try and help you eat those peaches.

Well, I never got all of my news written up last week and it will be the same again this week because this (Monday) night I am too tired and sleepy to write very much.

I sat up with the Red Top exhibition till nearly 12 o'clock Friday night then came home about six miles and Sunday night I sat up with the milk cellar (storm cellar so-called).

We haven't as many young folks here as some other communities but the good sisters are meeting at the church every week helping the children to learn their parts preparing for Children's Day.

Mesdames G. W. McComas and R. G. Taylor were shopping in Graham Monday.

W. W. Williamson and son, E. G., and D. W. Beard were at Graham Monday.

Ernest Price and family of Graham are visiting at the home of D. W. Beard.

Mrs. Lee and daughter of Newcastle visited at the home of W. W. Williamson Saturday night and Sunday.

Henry Frie is working for E. G. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. McComas were visitors at Newcastle one day last week.

John McComas and Miss Ruth Stephens visited at Graham Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Borchardt were at Graham Saturday.

F. C. Borchardt and son were callers at Newcastle Sunday afternoon.

This is not all the news but it is near mail time and the deputy will quit.

Kid.

WHITE ROSE

Miss Nellie Hightower was in Newcastle Friday.

Cotton planting has been progressing nicely since the rain. Wheat and oats are fine in this community.

Guy Wignall and wife were in Mount Pleasant community Sunday and returned home by the way of Graham.

W. C. McCombs was in Graham Monday and hauled home a new Deering binder.

Mrs. J. A. Gachter and daughter, Clara, were in Graham Tuesday.

Salemite, are you simple enough to think that the advertising would have caused the government store to have a full line of supplies? I say even under this system it is the demand for a commodity that causes the merchant to have same for sale. Now advertising may cause me to buy Armour's hams instead of Swift's, or Brown's candy instead of King's but the demand is the reason I have them for sale. You may say that advertising creates the demand, but I will state that an empty stomach will create more demand for food than all the advertising. Nature creates the demand for all things that are essential to life.

Socialists claim that the trusts are necessary and grew out of competition, and that they are a step toward socialism. We are striving to make the whole U. S. a trust and the people owning it.

Leading socialists do not claim that out of the ruins of capitalism socialism will blossom in a single night, but through the slow process of evolution we are growing into it. Back in the days of handicraft when a commodity was begun and finished by a single man we didn't need socialism, but now inventions have advanced society to such a stage that things are collectively made, hence they must be collectively owned for each man to receive the reward of his labor. It seems foolish to us for the government to keep

fining trusts, for the people always pay the fine through the advance of the price of things.

The State of Colorado could have stopped the trouble by taking the mines and giving the workers all the wealth they created while working in them.

Who was more entitled to it, the fellows who crawled on their knees and dug it out or Rockefeller, who hadn't been to the mines in several years?

Plow Boy, it seems that you are still trying to make a religious party out of us. Sure the prince of darkness could join the socialist party if he came in human form and denounced all other parties. I don't think that the democrats would bar him either. Yes, Plow Boy, only a very few know that the socialists advocate what you claimed in your last article—about one in each million. You are a poor observer. Come to White Rose some Sunday and I will show you several socialists who take an active part in the advancement of Christianity. We will admit that there are some sorry people in the socialist party and also in the other parties. Again, there are sorry people in the churches. Are we going to denounce Christianity on account of these sorry people? No political party will bind a man's personal ideas, if the party is just.

There is a man in Texas named Bonner and publishes a paper called the Harpoon. This man, I understand, is a devout democrat, and expresses his personal ideas through the paper. Does the democratic party endorse all he says? In like manner Henry M. Tichenor is a socialist and expresses his personal ideas through the Melting Pot. The socialist party is not responsible for any man's personal ideas. As I have said before we only accept what the party as a whole endorses. Look up some of the back numbers of the Melting Pot and see if Henry M. Tichenor doesn't say something on the first page in regard to what goes through the paper.

We don't care what the good man and ex-school teacher told you. He can divide meat or not divide as he likes. The socialist party claims that to be his private business. It seems to us all of your ideas are built on what people say. I guess you get your religion from the preacher. If you do take our advice and quit it. Go to the Bible for your religion, and also to the socialist principles if you are going to condemn or advocate socialism.

Why do we pay dues? "He who pays the piper names the tune." All political parties are financed somewhere. The socialist party is a working man's party, hence must be financed by the working man. You know where the democratic party gets its finances. You don't have to be a member of the socialist party to vote the ticket, so isn't it free too?

For the benefit of those who don't know what we advocate, with the permission of our editor, I will state our platform adopted by national convention May, 1912. It will take several issues but I will begin in this.

Principles. "The socialist party of the United States declares that the capitalist system has outgrown its historic functions, and has become utterly incapable of meeting the problems now confronting society. We denounce this outgrown system as incompetent and corrupt and the source of unspeakable misery and suffering to the whole working class. Under this system the industrial equipment of the nation has passed into absolute control of a plutocracy which extracts an annual tribute of millions of dollars from the producers. Unafraid of any organized resistance, it stretches out its greedy hands over the still undeveloped resources of the nation—the land, mines, forest and the water powers of every state in the Union.

In spite of the multiplication of labor saving machines and improved methods of industry which cheapen the cost of production, the share of the pro-

ducers grow ever less, and the prices of all the necessities of life steadily increase. The boasted prosperity of this nation is for the owning class alone. To the rest it means only greater hardship and misery. The high cost of living is felt in every home. Millions of wage workers have seen the purchasing power of their wages decrease until life has become a desperate battle for mere existence.

Roseite.

(Continued next week).

PICKWICK

My aren't we having some warm weather now?

The Pickwick baseball team played Fox Hollow Saturday and also Gooseneck. The score was 7 to 4 in favor of Pickwick when they played Fox Hollow and 10 to 4 in favor of Gooseneck when they played Gooseneck.

School will close next Friday and we will have a picnic with some ball games thrown in.

We are expecting Miss Annie Tate home any time from Loving, where she has been studying music. We will all be glad to see Miss Annie back again.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Weldon and daughter, Ruby, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Anderson.

Misses Lottie Davis, Lena and Hassie Clay spent the day Sunday with Miss Carrie Weldon.

Ben Weldon spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Jim Dilender and children spent Sunday with her old schoolmate, Jennie Weldon.

Miss Carrie Weldon and Lee Ella Costello went to the city Saturday evening.

Miss Georgia Haliburton has been suffering from the toothache the past week or at least from the effects of it.

Mrs. Winnie Layton and Lottie Davis went to Graford one day last week shopping.

Several went from here to the ball game Saturday. Among the girls were Misses Stella Lyster, Georgia Haliburton, Myrtle Whatley, Connie Mae and Maggie Costello. The boys were too numerous to mention.

Billie Clay went to Duff Prairie Saturday returning Sunday.

Mrs. T. M. Clay spent Sunday evening with Mrs. R. A. Anderson.

J. C. Weldon and wife and brothers went to Loving Creek today on a pleasure trip and reported a very jolly time.

Misses Stella Lyster and Georgie Haliburton; Messrs. Mike Costello and Matt McMillan took supper with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Weldon.

Misses Eula Norton and Pearl Costello spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will McMillan.

My! Johnnie Dolittle, are you never going to write us another letter from Lucille?

Silver Bell, where were you last week. And, Dreamy Eyes, where were you that you didn't bring us some good news?

Say, Busy Bee, did you ever get that recitation down so you could say it? You must come next Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weldon spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Costello.

Mike Costello is going to get him an auto so they say, and I am sure that he will.

Several from Pickwick attended the school entertainment at Lucille Friday night. All reported a nice time.

Luther Davis was sick this (Sunday) morning. What did you all do to him yesterday, Busy Bee?

Mrs. R. A. Anderson called at the Layton home Saturday evening.

The W. O. W. met at the school house Saturday night.

Well, it looks like rain again tonight, doesn't it?

Elijah Snoddy and Luther Davis took supper with Chester Weldon Sunday night.

Well, as the bugs are about to carry me off will hand Salemite my pen and go. Beauty.

Let's tell about our prosperity to the outside world. The big booster edition will do it.

DEVIL BEND

Health is very good in this community as far as I know.

Harlan Bunger spent Thursday night with T. L. Lisle.

Charley Nicklas and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Bird Stringer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird Stringer made a flying trip to town Friday.

The party at Will Owen's was fine. I should say so, we all stayed all night except four and they went home in the rain.

Lena, Ida and Oscar Owen and Afton Smith all came from the party to church.

Miss Fay Lisle and Henry Owen took dinner with Miss Della Owen.

Ras Shoemate took dinner at Dolph Owen's.

Henry Owen was looking blue Sunday.

The singing at Bud Owen's Sunday afternoon was fine.

Miss Jennie Lasater stayed all night with Miss Winnie Lisle Sunday night.

Tom Lisle took dinner with Will Owen Sunday.

Many thanks for your pen and ink Azure Skies, but I broke your pen. Here is your ink and eraser.

Buster Blue.

HENRY CHAPEL

Last week was favorable to farm work and the people made good use of the time.

Cotton planting is mostly over. Corn is making splendid growth, wheat and oats are heading and all nature seems to be smiling once more.

Considerable wind Sunday night which blew some bit of fruit from the trees but no rain.

Rev. Cunningham preached to a good sized audience Sunday at 3 p. m.

We had 103 present at Sunday school. This is no guess work but the exact report given by our secretary R. H. Young.

Whenever you have a kind of aching to attend a good Sunday school come to the Chapel you'll be more than welcome, and well paid for your trip. I know of nothing better to recommend a rundown community than a good live Sunday school. The kind that you come and I'll be there. I don't know just how you feel about the matter but I am ashamed that I don't know more of God's word than I do, and I strongly believe this to be the reason why many people do not attend Sunday school. Because they know so little about the Bible they are ashamed to take their place in the classes. Now then who is to blame? We believe the blame is with the parents. Let's go to church and Sunday school every chance. Certainly it will make us no worse and we believe there are very few where there is no room for improvement. Let us remember there's a great day coming when the man with money will not fare even so well as the women with the mite.

I wish to correct a mistake in my last week's letter. The quarterly conference will be held here the second Saturday and Sunday in June instead of the fourth Sunday in May.

Alf Wright and bride of Connor Creek attended church here Sunday. Mr. Wright's mother also attended church. Come again, you are welcome.

We are planning to have a Sunday school rally and Children's Day program here the fifth Sunday. It is hoped to have preaching at 11 a. m. with Sunday school program at 3 p. m. You had better come.

The writer and family had the pleasure of being present at the entertainment at J. A. McLaren's of the Salem community Monday night.

J. T. Shahan and Kirb Chandler of Connor Creek attended Sunday school here Sunday.

We always feel more at home when Kirb is here. Really, it is just a little hard to tell which is the most handsome, Kirb or the Dago.

Do you believe in boosting this country. If you do, come in and see the prospectus of our booster edition. We will show you a real "boost."

MIDWAY

Everyone is enjoying the beautiful sunshiny weather we have been having lately, and the farmers are all very busy in this part of the country.

Emmitt Jones is on the sick list this week.

Miss Hettie Drum is visiting at Mr. Woodrome's of Bunger a few days.

The Midway Crochet Club met with Mrs. Will Brown last Wednesday. Mrs. Brown is a pleasant and genial hostess, and the afternoon was greatly enjoyed by all. The club will meet with Mrs. Adams next time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Drum attended church at Loving Sunday.

Miss Lillie Drum visited home folks Saturday night.

Little Lela Fay Johnson of Loving spent Saturday night with relatives in our vicinity and attended Sunday school at Midway Sunday morning.

The strong and beautiful characters and lives of Samuel, Saul, Jonathan and David, of whom our Sunday school has been studying of late, has indeed been deeply interesting. And, last Sunday, it was beautiful and interesting to hear the junior class discussing with enthusiasm the question: "Which of the two were more faithful, Samuel or David?"

Zadie Drum, Lela Fay Johnson, Zola Jones, Willie Jones and Hobert Loftin were the merry little guests of Arnold Cox and Vaughn Williams Sunday.

Last Sunday morning the Bethel singing class sent an invitation to the Midway class to attend singing at Fred Dailey's in the afternoon, so singing was called in at Midway and twenty of our number went and took part in the singing. Mr. Glancus Cox proved his generosity by hitching a span of mules to his father's wagon which furnished conveyance for fourteen of our crowd. Seven girls, six boys and Mrs. Fannie Cox as chaperone. Some of the boys said they could hear that wagon five miles, so the world can know we had a rattling good time. There was a large crowd at Mr. Dailey's, the singing was excellent and the afternoon was enjoyed by all present.

Rev. E. A. Cox filled his regular appointment at Newport the third Sunday, with good attendance and good service. He spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith of Newport community.

Brother McCord of Loving preached at Midway Thursday and Friday nights of last week and the good spiritual services were earnestly and deeply enjoyed by all present. His sermon each night was excellent and soul-stirring, and God was present in the saving of three precious souls.

Brother McCord took supper with Mr. Adams Thursday and Friday nights, and little Eddie Johnson was with him Friday evening.

Mrs. Loftin and little son, Blanton, took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Drum Sunday.

Frank Loftin of our vicinity is at present working on the farm of Mr. Woodrome of Bunger. Apple Blossom.

SOUTH BEND

We are having lovely weather now. The farmers are making the best of it, too, as killing weeds seems to be the order of the day.

Sunday school was well attended last Sunday.

Remember preaching here next Sunday by Rev. Marcus M. Chunn. Everybody welcome.

Lots of people from Graham out here fishing.

Health in our community is good.

Chester and Lorene Melton came in Saturday night from Weatherford, Okla., where they attended school.

Wilbur Weaver and Leroy Britton spent Sunday in Graham.

Little Miss Lillian Widmayer of Graham visited O. A. McBrayer and family from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrell visited relatives in Newcastle Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steele and Misses Pearl Frazier and Lula Wyatt of Cedar Creek were trading in the Bend last week.

O. A. McBrayer and family with Mr. and Mrs. Hub Rogers, ate Sunday dinner with W. M. Goode and family.

Mrs. John Rubenkoenig, Sr. of Graham visited in the Bend the latter part of last week.

Silver Bell and father of Cedar Creek were trading in the Bend Monday.

Mesdames Lucian Adams and Mark Crabtree of Duff Prairie were in the Bend last Saturday.

Messrs. Arthur Holcomb, Ben Burgess and Matt Harrell, Jr., attended church at Duff Prairie Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harrell spent Sunday with J. H. Groene and family of Duff Prairie.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Herd, one day last week, a girl. Mother and baby doing nicely.

Miss Elsie Rubenkoenig closed a successful six months' term of school here last Friday. They rendered a very interesting programme to an overflowing house on Friday night. The way the children acted their parts speaks well for them and the untiring efforts of the teacher.

The school, taken as a whole, and considering the number of pupils and grades, was a decided success. The best wishes of the writer goes with Miss Rubenkoenig wherever she goes.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Corbett and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whitmire of Ivan, several from Duff Prairie and a number from Cedar Creek attended the entertainment here Friday night.

Walter McDavid got hurt one day last week. He got his foot (or heel) hung in a cog wheel of a planter and bruised up considerably. He has been in bed since.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCluskey and Geo. Martin visited W. McDavid and family Sunday afternoon.

I saw Jolly Girl Sunday afternoon but didn't see the Prof.

A Mr. Simer and family have moved into the vacant house south of the school house, belonging to J. W. Burgess.

Here, I must quit and go to bed, I'm sleepy.

Bashful Ber.

LOWER TONK

We are sure having some pretty weather now. Everybody is busy with their crops, trying to kill "General Green" which is about to get ahead of the people.

Mrs. G. W. Gowens called on Mrs. Lee Jones Tuesday afternoon.

Murry Moore and sisters, Misses Minnie and Jewel, visited their brothers, Wiley and Hollis, at Mt. Pleasant and attended the school picnic Saturday. They report a fine time.

Miss Eunice Moore and brother, Kemp, returned home Sunday from Mt. Pleasant, where they had been attending school.

Mrs. T. C. Wadley visited her son and family one day last week.

Miss Ida George returned home the first of last week, after spending a while with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce George.

Rev. Patterson visited T. C. Wadley and J. R. McClannahan one day last week.

Miss Crystal Gowens and brother, Master Clarence, spent Saturday night with Miss Dena and Ivan Moore.

Lee Moore spent Saturday night with Sylvester Gowens.

Miss Ethel Hollybee and Mrs. Bill McClannahan were on the sick list last week but are better.

Miss Anna Belle Wadley called on Miss Ethel McClannahan Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rogers visited their daughter, Mrs. Bill McClannahan, Sunday.

R. D. Gray and Sylvester Gowens took dinner Sunday with Lee Mayes.

Misses Minnie, Jewel and Eunice Moore and brothers, Murry and Kemp, all dined with Miss Nora Moore Sunday.

Miss Ethel Kelley of Padgett is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Jones, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gray.

Miss Lora Seddon took dinner with Miss Zula Jones Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones and daughters, Misses Grace and Ruby, dined at Mr. Seddon's Sunday.

Messrs. James Gowens, Carrel Robbins and Bruce Knight took dinner with the Jones boys Sunday.

Mesdames Sam and Lee Jones, and G. W. Gowens and children visited Mrs. Hollybee Saturday afternoon.

Zack Gray, Miss Jewel Moore, Murry Moore, Misses Nora and Eunice Moore were out driving Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Jim McClannahan and Vernon George; Misses Alma George and Anna Belle Wadley attended church at Upper Tonk Sunday.

Ernest Beckham took Sunday dinner at Mrs. A. A. Timmons'.

Misses Lillie and Hallie Gray spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

Misses Sallie Timmons and Rudelle Seddon dined with Misses Lillie and Hallie Gray Sunday.

There were some young people from Graham, I never learned their names, called on Misses Lillie and Hallie Gray Sunday afternoon, and they all went kodaking.

Miss Ethel Hollybee called on Misses Cordie and Crystal Gowens Sunday eve. X. Y. Z.

FLAT ROCK

The weather certainly has been warm the past week, but this (Monday) morning we wouldn't have been too warm with our coats on.

A shower now would be a great benefit to the crops as the ground is getting so hard the seed that have been planted can't come up.

We were very glad to read another good letter from Dago last week, and you too, Jack o' Diamonds. You must not wait so long to write any more.

Bro. Roark filled his appointment here Sunday night and preached an interesting sermon.

Mrs. Whiteley and daughter, Ruth, were unable to attend Sunday school Sunday.

Oscar Fain and family went to Graham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lud Martin and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Brit Alford Saturday night.

Harbert Parsons returned to Monday last Friday, after a month's visit with home folks.

Mr. Taylor and daughter, Miss Maggie spent Sunday at Mr. Corley's.

The young Rockers went down on Flat Rock kodaking Sunday afternoon and enjoyed themselves just fine.

Romie Martin of Graham visited home folks from Saturday until Monday.

W. A. Cook has gone to Wichita Falls to work.

A horse kicked Willie Ash last Friday morning. They call the doctor to see him. The doctor said he wasn't seriously injured. He was able to be up Sunday.

Brit Mayes attended church at Center Ridge Sunday morning.

Warren Parsons spent Sunday with Oliver Hazelton.

Rambling Rose, come around and make yourself known. I'm sure I know you. You must pardon me if I get over on your territory for I have gotten so used to writing some happenings on your side of the road it seems hard to quit. Come with another letter this week.

C. J. Cook and family spent Sunday with Mr. Hodges and family.

Mrs. Iva Fain called on Mrs. Corley Tuesday afternoon.

Brit Alford and wife spent Sunday night with her parents here.

Mr. Wadley and family were callers at Mr. Hazelton's Sunday afternoon.

Bro. Whiteley will preach at Flat Rock on the fourth Sunday afternoon. Everybody invited to attend.

Misses Dollie Martin and Lu-

cille Cook visited Miss Lona Corley Sunday afternoon.

Romie Martin was the guest of Miss Maggie Taylor Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Chambers called at Mr. Corley's Sunday.

Jesse Martin filled his regular appointment at Miss Georgia Burton's Sunday.

Some one went in to our school house last Friday and tried to finish tearing our song books to pieces, and left the door open. Such people are not very welcome and especially when there is no one to guard things, so we will ask them to please be more careful if they ever happen to have any business at the school house in the future.

Printess Corley visited Virgil Martin Sunday.

Oscar Fain lost a mare last week.

Newby Corley is helping Miss Maggie Taylor hang paper this week.

Mr. Roark and family of Belknap spent Saturday night and Sunday with his brother, Rev. B. A. Roark, and family of this place.

Mr. Editor, I'm anxiously waiting for that list of the Correspondents' names.

German Corley, who has been in Dallas the past four years, sent his trunk home last week.

He is going to New Mexico to take up some land and means to spend next winter in Texas. We wish him success in his undertaking.

Mrs. Emma Cook and daughter, Lucille, were shopping in Graham Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. P. Hodges visited her daughter, Mrs. Matilda Parsons, in Graham Saturday.

Bob Corley called at W. H. Martin's Sunday afternoon.

J. M. Taylor and daughter, Miss Maggie, and Bob Corley and sister, Miss Lona, went to Graham Saturday.

Dago, you kept my pencil so long I decided you were not going to return it and got me a new one. Candy Kid.

HULL MOUNTAIN

Fifty years and one month ago the 19th inst., as I was returning from the war, I was about five miles from home and a hail storm was gathering in the west, and rapidly approaching.

The lightning flashing and thunder roaring reminding one of the heavy artillery mounted on the breast works in front of Richmond and Petersburg. I urged my tired horse on to get home before the storm broke upon me with all its fury. I rode up to the gate about thirty minutes before the wind began to blow and the hail to come down. I "hollered" hello! My father answered. I asked if I could spend the night with him as the night was very unlikely and the storm nearly up. He said I could stay and came out to where I was sitting on my horse. I could see him peeping under my hat trying to recognize me. Finally he said, "I don't believe I know you." Says I, "Don't know your son?" His next word was "Robert!"

Mother heard him and came running. "Robert's come!" As sisters and brothers got the word, jumped out of bed yelling "Robert's come!" The commotion awoke the negroes and they all came running saying, "Marse Rob's come home, Marse Rob's come home!" and in less time than it takes to write it every one on the place was at the front gate shaking my hand. Some crying, some laughing, thankful their boy brother and young master had returned home safe and spared from the Yankee bullets in all the six or seven battles I had participated in. The war was over and I at home and not a mark of a Yankee bullet on me. Although to my knowledge, I was singled out and shot at four times and was missed. We were doing picket duty, dismounted on the river road in front of deep bottom below Richmond, and one Sunday evening the enemy tried to capture our pickets, and company I of the Hampton Legion was sent to drive them away. When we got to the pickets we thought the Yankees had left. We were all sitting around talk-

ing and before we knew it a squad slipped up a ravine covered with woods and fired on us, but never hit any one except a bullet grazed one man's leg.

I was lying down with my elbows on the ground and my head resting in my hands. One ball struck the ground in front of me, cut a trench a foot long, knocked dirt all over me but failed to hit me.

At the battle of Fuzzles Mill two sharpshooters took a pop at me and came near getting me. I was carrying a load of canteens filled with water from the branch. If I had been one step farther from the breast works I expect I would have been killed. A rail stopped the other one about a foot just in front of my head.

In October we fought negroes on the nine mile road. There were about four or five thousand of them, commanded by white officers, and our force was eight companies of the Hampton Legion. We ran a mile to get to the breast works before they did. When we got there they were charging the works. There was so many more of them than there was of us. We were scattered six and eight feet apart on our line and then couldn't front them. They were coming through an

open field in the prettiest line I ever saw. I had a Spencer rifle swung on my shoulder and an axe in one hand and a hunk of cornbread in the other. When I got to the breast works I laid the axe down on one side of me and the bread on the other and began shooting. I was the last man on the extreme right. The next man on my left was six or eight feet from me, but I have said we could not front the black host and they came over the breastworks to our left and our line gave way and the negroes got the breastworks and three pieces of artillery. I had gone about twenty steps from where I laid down the axe and bread when the seventh S. C. calvary came to our assistance and we charged them and recaptured the works and artillery. Here is where the fourth man, a negro, took a pop at me about ten steps away. The ball burned my face but my partner on my left got the negro. I had shot all my cartridges except one, and I was holding it for close quarters if a negro tackled me with the bayonet. When the battle was over there were eight dead negroes in front of the man on my left and myself. Old Pa.

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OWNERS

HUNT

J. V. Henderson and family, Henry Butler and wife spent Sunday with B. B. Howard and family.

Miss Era Matthews spent Saturday night with Miss Maude Rayburn.

Wheat and oats look fine in this community at present.

Will Thueet and Estel Butler have bought a thresher.

Misses Millie and Ruth Henderson visited the school at Ben Waters last Friday.

Mrs. B. B. and Mrs. H. B. Howard spent the day Wednesday with Mrs. H. B. Howard's mother, Mrs. Davis, near Olney. The cream supper at Estel Butler's last (Friday) night was a dandy. All had a good time.

Singing at F. M. Howard's Sunday night was fine. All had a nice time.

Mrs. Matthews' baby drank some kerosene oil Friday and was sick but is better today.

Henry Bloodworth is sick.

The death angel visited our community the 3rd instant and saw fit to take little Myrtle, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reeves to a better land of love. She was a bright, intelligent little girl and was loved by all who knew her. The remains were laid to rest in the Jean cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Horned Frog.

PROFFITT

The farmers are busy planting cotton this week.

Roy Wilkinson was trading in Newcastle Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reeves visited friends and relatives across the river from Friday until Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Tolston spent Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Cole.

Dr. Berry was called to see Grandma Bridges Sunday.

Dick Clifton was a business visitor on this side of the river Saturday.

Horace Howard and sister Miss Grace, and Misses Maudie Cole and Ordith Tolston spent Sunday with Miss Ornie Cole.

Charlie Woolfolk of Graham was in this community Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wells spent several days at Newcastle visiting her mother, Mrs. Harmonson.

Messrs. Turner and E. A. Johnson were business visitors in Newcastle Saturday.

I want to correct the mistake I made in last week's paper, as I said the school would close May 28th. It won't close until in June some time. I haven't learned the correct date.

Dr. Cagle and son, Joe, were in Newcastle Tuesday.

Misses Dennie and Edna Maples spent Friday with Miss Bettie Gibbs.

The picnic on Elm Creek park Friday certainly was grand. All present seemed to enjoy themselves.

Snowflake.

MOUNTAIN HOME

Well, as I have been absent so long will try and drop you all a few lines to let you know the Gray-eyed Girl is still on the map.

What have you Correspondents been doing this pretty weather?

We have had lots of rain. Some think a little too much.

Health is fairly good in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crumpton's little son, Otha, fell in the fire and burned his arm pretty bad.

Willie Rupard has the appendicitis.

No. Papa, Sock, Kid did not kill me but when he shows me Sunday school in the Bible he will kill me.

Fess up Kid, can you show me Sunday school in the Bible? Please read John 2:27th to 29th verses. Now what about that? Psalms 27:11; 32:8. Now there you are, I am quitting you.

Mrs. Ella Robbins spent Sunday at the home of Tom Berry. B. F. Dearmore of Bowie was in this community Saturday and Sunday.

Pansy, I am sorry you never

went through Graham, I was expecting some stationery.

Messrs. Travis and Clarence Matlock and sister, Miss Anis, visited their brother, John, at Senate.

Sam Plaster of the Center Point community visited his father and his brother, Bernie, accompanied him home.

Barnie Plaster and Willie Rupard called at the home of John Matlock Tuesday night and they had an interesting "42" game.

I notice some of the Correspondents are describing themselves so I believe I will. Now you all hush your laughing. I have auburn hair, am dark complected, and gray eyes. O wait a minute and let me go weigh. I see Bashful Ben and X. Y. Z. laughing. Now I'll tell you how much I weigh. I weigh 146 pounds. You can guess my age between 14 and 20 and the one who guesses it will receive a post card. If more than one guesses it the first one I read will get the card. Now Pansy don't you guess, for you know my age.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Epperson spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupard of Bridgeport were called to the bedside of their son, Willie.

Mr. and Mrs. Plaster and daughter, Miss Joe, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Massengale, Mr. and Mrs. John Matlock, Jr., and two children, Avis and Agnes, and John Key took dinner at the home of John Matlock, May 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Plaster spent Sunday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rupard.

Oh, yes, Papa Sock, I know you.

Three cheers for Silver Bell. Your letter was fine.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crumpton spent Tuesday night at the home of John Matlock.

Mr. Plaster visited his son, Paul, who lives down on Salt Creek.

Mrs. Ettie Brock and Mrs. George Brock spent Sunday evening at the home of John Matlock.

Miss Maggie Cox and Miss Dannie Parrish spent Sunday evening at the home of Tom Jones.

As I have been absent so long none of you may recognize me so I will hand my pencil to Bashful Ben and go.

Gray-eyed Girl.

OAKLAND

We are having summer and everyone is awful busy in the field for the weeds are growing fast.

Well, Plow Boy, I will shake hands with you about the socialists, for you are right. I have never seen a socialist yet that had fifteen cents over a quarter.

Mrs. Lester is improving fast. Mr. Baty was in town Saturday.

E. E. Craig and J. M. Whitfield have some Mexicans grubbing for them.

There wasn't any church last Sunday as the preacher failed to come.

Several of the young folks were intending to go to Bryson but the cloud bluffed them off.

Misses Whitfield were in town Saturday night.

John Blount is visiting his parents for a few weeks.

Mrs. Logan has moved out to her place where Graham is farming.

Trixie I wanted to be at that party but it was impossible to come to it or the box supper either.

As news is scarce I will ring off and go to work.

Carrie Nation.

FLINT CREEK

Here I come again this week. I haven't much news but thought I would write what little I did know.

We had a bad looking cloud last night (Sunday) but did not do anything here but blow a little.

The farmers are very busy in their crops now as they had not worked any since, well I don't know when, but anyway

they are green cast into brown.

The Flint Creek school closed Friday and didn't have any amusement except a little ball playing.

There was an exhibition expected by some but causes prevented it.

Miss Jessie Morrison returned to her home in Jermyn Saturday after teaching a six months' school at this place.

The party at W. E. Stephens' Friday night given in honor of Miss Morrison, was well attended and enjoyed by all. The party at D. W. Doolen's Wednesday night was well attended also.

Misses Eva Worsham, Viva and Annie Nored, Surilla Wyatt, Easter Smith and Ruth Robertson; Messrs. Robert Steele, Marvin Stephens, Ruby Robertson and Jim Doolen were out kodaking Sunday afternoon.

Sunday school was well attended Sunday, sixty-three being present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of Loving visited W. D. Doolen and wife Sunday.

The Reporter was all right last week, wasn't it?

Jack o' Diamonds had the pleasure or the misfortune (?) of talking to the Kid in town Saturday. He's still the same old Kid.

Jack o' Diamonds.

BRYSON

Hello to all you Correspondents. I will try my luck with another letter this week as my last letter landed in the waste basket I suppose if it ever got that far. In it I told about our grand entertainment that we had at the close of our school.

They were all good and large crowds attended. I believe everybody enjoyed them.

Sunday was regular preaching day at the Methodist church but Rev. Thomas was called to preach the baccalaureate sermon for the Jermyn High School at Jermyn Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Sunday night was the Children's Night at the Methodist church. A large crowd gathered there. Just got started with the program when the cloud came up and scared everybody away. The night was very rough but it didn't rain very much. Maybe there is a better time coming, when we will get to have it over. Haven't decided yet but probably next Sunday night.

Saturday afternoon was the time set aside to decorate the graves of our departed friends and it being a beautiful day a large crowd gathered at the Cottonwood Cemetery with an abundance of flowers of all kinds and left the graves very beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pevehouse spent Sunday in Long Hollow visiting friends.

Grandma Clendenning, who has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Cobb of Grandford, is here on a visit.

Mrs. Mark Cook is home again after an enjoyable visit at Mineral Wells.

Several from Mountain Home were at the cemetery Saturday. Among them was Gray-eyed Girl. Trixie was there too.

I wonder what has become of Kid-o. He must be out of stationery.

Miss Ethel Bryson, who has been teaching school at Perrin, Prof. Willie Simpson of Hawkins Chapel, Miss Della Smith of Monument and Miss Nannie Jarnigan of Rockland and Miss Fannie Newsom from near Jacksboro have returned home recently.

The young folks enjoyed a party at J. L. Herd's Saturday night and all reported a nice time.

Curtis Findley and sister, Miss Lilla Belle, of Dakin were visiting friends here Sunday and attended the children's exercises.

Vester Vanhooser and family of Union Ridge came here to church at the Methodist church Sunday but were disappointed as the preacher had been called away.

Granvil Helvey and sister, Miss Willie, and Miss Idella Nichols were the guests of the

Herd children Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Ben McCloud was called to see Mrs. Coley Sunday afternoon. She is reported better.

One case of chicken pox is reported in town.

Homeite, I liked to have been in another race Sunday night, but different from the other one. I was in a wagon to which was hitched a young team of mules. The night was dark and couldn't see very much only when it was lightning. The team started to running and ran a little ways before it was quieted down.

Trixie.

(Yes, Trixie, your letter was received too late for publication therefore was not published. It is very necessary that we receive letters from Correspondents early in the week, not later than Wednesday noon, to be published.—Editor.)

KEYSER

Hello Mr. Editor and Correspondents, how are you all this fine weather?

As my last letter landed in the waste basket will try to write again.

Mrs. F. N. Ballow and mother-in-law, Mrs. Ballow, spent Sunday with Mrs. Alice Robinson.

Miss Clara Ballow and little sister, Vada, spent Sunday with Miss Allie Gully.

The party given by Mr. Herd Saturday night was enjoyed by all.

The dance at Mr. Gilmore's last Saturday night, the 8th inst., was a success so they say, I didn't go.

Miss Lerah Sampley called on Misses Ballow Thursday eve.

Geo. Martin called on Miss Opal Robinson Sunday eve.

Ed Saunders and wife of Jermyn spent Saturday night with Mrs. Saunders' mother, Mrs. Keyser.

Frank Roquemore called on Miss Fannie Evett Sunday eve.

Miss Ethel Ballow spent Sunday with Miss Lerah Sampley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sampley went to Salt Creek Sunday.

Blue Eyes.

YANCEYVILLE

We are sure getting the rain now as it has rained most every day this week, and everything is in a flourishing condition. Even the weeds, grass and burrs are growing a little now.

Everybody is well and able to work.

Joe Upham and four other men from Bunker have been fishing in Cedar Creek this week.

Miss Lula Wyatt spent the day Friday with her brother, George, and family.

Roy Barron called at the Ritchey home Friday morning.

Yes, Beauty, I think I have been stung by bees. One time I climbed a tree to hive a swarm of bees. They had settled near the top of the tree and just about the time I got the limb nearly sawed off the bees decided not to have me interfering with them and began battle at once. I raised the white flag but their motto was not peace but "conquer or die." Well, I did not take time to climb down. I just turned holds loose and fell out of the tree. I had the big head for several days and my face, neck and hands were also swollen. I've been rather careful ever since not to get the little winged monsters too angry.

Henry Nicklas and family visited at the Ritchey home Sunday.

John Gann seemed to be very much excited or bothered Sunday. On being asked the time of day John looked at his watch and could not tell what time it was. We can't say whether it was on account of the river being up or on account of his new saddle. Anyway either is enough to bother a person isn't it John?

Mrs. Louisa Barron and son, John, Mrs. Daisy Nicklas and children and Miss Lila Ritchey visited at the Creagh home last Tuesday.

Mr. Parsons, I have just learned with sorrow of the death of Alta, and while I realize that these items will find yourself and family buried in the deepest

sorrow at the loss of your darling Alta, I most truly and deeply sympathize with yourself and family in your affliction. If sympathy of a friend can be any consolation be assured that I share in your sorrow for her loss.

The people of this community are waging war on the grass and weeds and it looks very much as if the grass and weeds were in a fair way to win the victory.

Ben Upham and wife visited at the Ritchey home Sunday eve.

Mrs. Louisa Barron and children, Henry Nicklas and family, B. P. Ritchey, daughter and nephew attended the ball game at Fox Hollow Saturday.

Little Miss Bettie Wyatt entertained her little girl friends with a doll party Saturday night.

Rev. Summers of Breckenridge preached at this place last Sunday.

J. R. Creagh and wife, Ben Upham and wife, Henry Nicklas and family, Messrs. Story, Halburton and Jack McMillan and Deway and Miss Lila Ritchey took dinner with Mrs. Louisa Barron and family Sunday.

Goose, you may be as "old" as I but you can sure play baseball all right if you are "kinder old," can't you?

Johnnie Dolittle, get your tablet and get busy, school work will not bother you for a while.

Albert McDowell, John Gann and Joe Ables of the Set Ranch attended the dance at Henry Steele's Friday night.

As I'm in a hurry I'll hand my pencil to Johnnie Dolittle, and if you scribes will please excuse me I'll promise to do worse or better next time.

Silver Bell.

NORTH MIDWAY

Weather is beautiful now and farm work is progressing nicely. Most everyone has their corn plowed and cotton planted, and some have part of their cotton plowed. If it doesn't rain for two weeks most every one will have their crops in fine shape.

Miss Anna Quisenberry was puny the first of the week but is able to be up now.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Wiley today (Sunday).

Ernest Jones called to see

Miss Emma Cunningham this afternoon.

Merritt Cunningham, Ernest Jones and Misses Sophia Quisenberry and Emma Cunningham attended the decoration at True last Sunday afternoon.

Misses Ethel and Fay Cunningham visited Misses Wiley last Sunday.

Arthur Jones and Miss Roxie Williams, Eddie Evitt and Miss Lizzie Kirkland went to the ball game at Newcastle last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley visited Mr. and Mrs. Lindley last Sunday afternoon.

The Newcastle and Olney boys crossed bats Saturday afternoon and Newcastle got beat the score being 10 to 1 in favor of Olney.

Wesley Young went coon hunting Saturday night. Have not heard whether he caught anything or not.

Norman and Merritt Cunningham and Misses Jo Ann and Sophia Quisenberry attended the movies at Newcastle Saturday night.

George Evitt of Stringtown went to Newcastle Saturday night.

Ernest Jones says he certainly has a fine crop. A few patches of cane and corn and the rest in weeds and grass.

Arthur Jones has a regular show horse. He ran into three gates and a buggy in one night and then showed Arthur some more stunts.

Austin Jones, Russell Wiley, May Wiley and Neweta Jones went to Sunday school at Newcastle Sunday.

Mr. Cunningham was in town a while Saturday afternoon.

W. A. Boynton was swapping yarns with G. W. Wiley Sunday.

Goose, you certainly have some wonderful rats down there to carry off all the junk you mentioned. Have you got any that catch chickens so large that they have to jump in the tank to drown them?

Homeite I wish you would come up and drown some of these rats, for they swim and dive too.

Well, my letter is getting long so will quit and go to the B. Y. P. U.

Azure Skies.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gibson of Crowell are visiting home folks this week.

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CRIB STATION

The farmers are very busy planting cotton and plowing corn since it got dry enough to work.

The high winds make us think it is going to rain again soon.

Health is very good in our community.

Manie Willhoit was right sick part of this week but is able to be up again.

Mrs. Haggard visited Mrs. Gibson Wednesday afternoon.

Guy Wilkerson and family, and Mrs. Gibson and children attended the school picnic at Live Oak today (Saturday).

Walter Dent, Marvie Cloud and Ruth Gibson all took dinner Sunday with Miss Addie Wells.

Miss Georgia Carmack closed her school at this place Friday, after teaching a six-months' term.

Mrs. Willhoit and Mrs. Gibson called at Mrs. Fry's Tuesday afternoon.

Guess I will close as I am in a hurry to go to the office and get my Reporters. I failed to get my last week's Reporter as there was no mail on account of high water. I always feel disappointed when I don't get my Reporter for I certainly do enjoy reading the good letters the Correspondents write.

Well, I must hurry and go as it is getting late. Goldia.

The Ohio supreme court has nullified a legislative enactment prohibiting employers dismissing employes on account of labor union affiliations. But it is unconstitutional for labor unions to boycott employers. Similar decisions have been reached by the United States supreme court although the American constitution makes that august body subordinate to congress. It seems to be an elastic old document capable of being twisted to suit the temperament of the presiding justice. Why the constitution itself has not been declared unconstitutional is hidden away among the intricacies and incomprehensibilities of applied American law.

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TONK VALLEY

Sunday school and church were well attended Sunday, 114 were present. The Presbyterian Orchestra was with us. They were, Messrs. Jee Morrison, Fred Hudson and Will Yancey. The other visitors from town were: Louis Fulps, Amy Price, Esther Price, Mary Frances Donnell, Estelline Price, Mary Hudson, Louis Wear, Louis Tackett, Pat Tackett, Robert Mayes, Richard Price, Nat Price, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Price, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Price, Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Hall and two children, Clifford and Sarah Beth, and E. H. Morrison. We certainly appreciate these people's visit and invite them back again.

It being Mother's Day, out here Sunday everyone wore a white rose in honor of mother. No program was arranged on account of not knowing it in time. Mr. Hudson read a short piece, then we had our Sunday school, after which, services were turned over to Rev. Hall.

Mesdames Medlin and Broglin of Medlin Chapel, Misses Lola, Maggie and Pearl Lowrey and Delilah Robbins were visitors at Mrs. Cherrymores' Sunday.

Mrs. Lola Fisher and two little daughters, Hazel and Ruth, of Indian Mound visited at the Busch home Saturday night and Sunday.

We are glad to have the sun shine after so much rain. Crops are growing fast. The farmers are behind with their work on account of so much rain. Lots of cotton is being planted over and weeds are too numerous to mention.

George Slater, Virgil Gatlin and John Lynch were the guests of Bruce Knight Saturday night. They enjoyed the biggest part of the night at the Gray tank, fishing.

X. Y. Z. I said we had our school picnic at the Gray tank and you said Norris tank, which one was right?

A few attended the picture show from here Saturday night.

Mrs. Busch and Mrs. Knight spent Thursday at Mr. Baugh's. Mesdames Wixom and Hand were callers at Mrs. Knight's Wednesday.

Mr. Stewart of Graham has moved into the Cherrymores house.

Sorry to report Miss Mary Thomas and O. K. Freeman on the sick list. They were greatly missed at Sunday school.

While coming from town last Tuesday Mrs. Cherrymores' buggy horse became frightened and turned the buggy over. Mrs. Cherrymores was hurt pretty bad, but is improving rapidly. The children received several bruises but not fatal.

Bismark Bower and Miss Frances Hamilton of Graham were car riding in our community Sunday.

The Wixom family went to town Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Robbins called on Mesdames Bruce George and Wixom Friday afternoon.

Messrs. Amos Atkins and Arthur Knight of near Breckenridge passed through our community Friday enroute to Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones and daughter, Miss Grace, took Sunday dinner at Mr. Seddon's. Misses Rudelle Seddon and Sallie Timmons spent Sunday at Mr. Gray's.

The Street family were car riding in our community Sunday afternoon.

Mesdames A. A. Timmons and Seddon were shopping in the city Friday. Enroute home they made a short call at the Robbins'.

Mr. Stewart and son are at work near Newcastle this week. Jolly Girl.

MYERS BRANCH

Farmers are working almost night and day in order to get their cotton planted and to get the land stirred before it dries out.

Grain looks fine at present but I'll not attempt to guess at the yield as I tried that last year and missed it about forty bushels per acre.

There is a big (?) overland

show at Masters tonight, but we haven't got the necessary amount of cash that it takes to get a peep inside so we are not going.

Flies, gnats and mosquitos are worrying the stock and causing them to lose flesh.

Plow Boy and Salemite, here is an extract from the Star-Telegram of Sunday, May 9th, on the housing problem: "Officials dealing with the question have come to the belief that only the State can adequately meet the difficulty of securing decent living quarters for factory operatives and other wage workers in the great cities."

"Ten international congresses upon housing have marked the growth of this conviction, and its adoption as a permanent social policy. The accepted view abroad is that the government must systematically regulate, encourage and financially assist the wage workers either to rent or build at reasonable figures sanitary and wholesome buildings."

What do you suppose is the matter? Has the housing problem become so complex that individuals are no longer able to handle it? Did you ever notice that when things get to where private persons can't handle them they call on the government and it usually makes good?

Notice the Panama Canal. Whether the plan is practicable or not, it proves that the State can do things.

To allay Plow Boy's fears that the abolition of the senate would wreck the old Ship of State, I'll offer a word of explanation. The rich men who made our constitution—and they were rich in their day, not a worker among them—made a constitution under which nothing could be done that the rich did not like. That is why the senate was created. It was frankly admitted in the constitutional convention that the senate was to represent wealth. The house of representatives was to represent the people, but the senate was to represent wealth, and the house of representatives could enact no legislation without the consent of the senate. See? Also the United States Supreme Court, over which the people have no control, was created to pass on the laws made by congress. The socialists would abolish the senate, thus vesting the entire legislative power in the house of representatives. They would take from the president the power to appoint justices of the supreme court and give the people the right to elect the judges, Selah.

Can you see anything in this program that would wreck the old Ship of State or even cause her to wobble in her course? Plow Boy, read the Declaration of Independence and then read our constitution and notice the difference. Gringo.

MURRAY

Rev. Chunn filled his regular appointment here Sunday. There was no service Sunday night owing to the weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Putman of Proffitt visited Mrs. Lacy Mayes Sunday.

The picnic given by the Live Oak and Crib Station schools at Live Oak Saturday was well attended. A program was rendered by the children and an address on education by Bro. Chunn in the forenoon, and one game of baseball and two of basketball in the afternoon. The baseball game was between Eliasville and a mixed Murray team. The score was 12 to 14 in favor of Murray. The first basketball game was between Live Oak and Woodson girls which resulted in a victory for Woodson. The last was a mixed Live Oak team against a mixed Proffitt team, which resulted in a tie. Everyone reported the picnic a success.

Mrs. Gilmore of Salem has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Will Cole, the past week.

Miss Eula Thornton, of Goree who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wootton for some time, returned to her home last week. Prof. Braddock visited at

South Bend Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Bertha Carmack, who is teaching at Spring Creek, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Elbert Blevins and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Dickenson of Lovington were visiting old friends here Saturday and Sunday. Bluebell.

SALEM

Health good and prospects never better. Cotton all planted and coming up fine. Corn is being plowed the second time and making very rapid growth. Wheat and oats in almost full head. No rust reported here on the river. Straw not rank enough for rust.

No rain here since second Monday, but that rain, over a few square miles of country here was tremendous. It was a record breaker. There was a water barrel out in the yard with both heads out and it rained faster in one end of the barrel than it could run out at the other. Now, Dago, if you or Goose can beat this statement of plain facts we will come again. But before you prefer any charges ask Marion Henderson and Henry Lisle about the rain.

The young people enjoyed a cream and cake supper at the Hatfield home Saturday night and all report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gibson of Crowell are visiting relatives here.

Floyd Smith of Mountain Home was visiting in our community Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gilmore spent Sunday with M. H. Henderson and family.

Prof. Duckworth and Steadman Carter took dinner with Jno. Kisinger Sunday.

Miss Alice Gibson's term of school closed on the 14th and she has returned to her home here.

Misses Odus Carter and Nannie Henderson spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Amma and Leah Bullard.

Bono, when the peaches get ripe let us know and we will come and bring a Brazos River peach along with us just to show you what the golden sands of the Brazos can do in producing fine fruit.

Jesse Wingate of Henry Chapel spent Sunday with Walter Bullard.

A. C. Anderson and family of Henry Chapel called on J. A. McLaren Monday evening and enjoyed some fine music. J. A. has a new player piano.

We learn this (Tuesday) evening that Alex Sadtberry, who has been in poor health so long has been failing fast of late and is not expected to recover.

Gringo, if the government owned all our utilities and it was ordained that it had a life lease on all of them then they would not be on the market and we could not invest in any of them, and my ten thousand dollars would be dead capital and business would be at a standstill. The artist whose talent enabled him or her to earn \$1,000.00 in a single evening could find no investment because there was nothing on the market for sale, except food and clothing. Well, Gringo, when that time comes we will all get big fat and too lazy to even ask "Is it shelled?"

It would appear that Roseite in his advocacy of only one delivery wagon in a city would add to the army of destitute and jobless workers that he describes. We wish to give the following quotation from last week's Fort Worth Record: "A revolution that would wipe out America's present industrial and political system and establish an era of ideal freedom was described to the Federal Commission on industrial relations today as the ultimate object of the Industrial Workers of the World, by William D. Haywood its secretary and treasurer. And when questioned as to what means would be employed to bring about this change he answered 'I believe in any kind of tactics. I don't care if it means revolution that's all.'" Then he goes on and states "I have had

a dream of a new society, sometime in which there will be no struggle between capital and labor. There will be no government and no states as we know them now. Congress will not be made up of lawyers and preachers, but from experts from all branches of industry come together for the good of all the people."

We quote this to show what socialism will lead to and because it is so very similar to the dreams that Roseite and Gringo are affected with, but they will likely tell you that socialism has nothing to do with the I. W. W. but don't you take that dope for all of their many beliefs lead to the same result.

Wm. D. Haywood is not afraid like they are and is fair enough to own up and give an honest answer to a fair question, while they go on with one exhortation after another, describing the glories of socialism and that it will do away with all evils by removing the cause, but they are as silent as the grave when it comes to telling how they will remove the cause. They make no effort to prove that the industries could be run at less cost under government ownership, and they fail to state by whom, or by what means or power would be employed in setting prices on labor or anything else.

They kill the goose that lays the golden egg when they do away with competition in trade, for competition spurs private ownership on to enter territory where the government would fear to tread. It causes railroad systems to extend lines into territory when it is a known fact that the investment will not be on a paying basis for years to come.

If Gringo actually believes that he can put a motion on labor without capital let him try to have his crop cultivated without the means to pay for the labor. Certainly he can use orders on the store or checks but the "payability" must be behind the paper or labor stands still. And that is the way with all their argument. We can view it in no other light than as being no good. There would be as much reason in arguing that a cow should have six tails and it would be as practicable to furnish her with six real tails, as it would be to comply with some of the demands they make. Then we could argue that she could keep up a rapid fire in fighting the flies, and that she could swat them both going and coming. Of course, this would be a criticism of the Creator for He fitted the old bovine out with only one caudle appendage. If each and every individual was endowed from on High with equal talent then socialism might succeed. But, as they are not, socialism would have on its hand the task of improving on the work of the Creator, for it would have to even up by smothering or doing away with the talent that God has endowed humanity with.

Take men like Mr. Carnegie and Rockefeller, men endowed with a talent to successfully manage an army of fellow workers, and with the foresight and talent to handle big business, what would or what could they do under a government where there was no cause ever or opportunity to exercise the talent they were endowed with? As it is, they live under a free government and can invest in any business they want to invest in and this very freedom has enabled them to bequeath to humanity a legacy in the way of educational opportunity that will live for centuries after they have left this vale of tears. But the socialist carries a loaded gun for every man with a dollar, a pocket knife and a plug of tobacco in his pocket. Money is worthless. Shakespeare says "Who steals my purse steals trash." And Roseite describes how man lands on this earth without a cent and takes nothing with him when he leaves it. J. W. Bryan made a few dollars on the side delivering lectures and no fault was found to the worth of the lectures but he was abused on account of the dollars. And yet, he is a

man who is giving his life for the betterment of humanity, and when a man gives his life in a cause what more can he give?

If Roseite will get out and exercise a little he will find this county dotted with happy and prosperous homes. All are well fed and well clothed, and there is few complaints. There is hardly a renter here who doesn't sport a buggy and team, and you bet your boots he uses them, and in many cases the renter is making more clear money off the farm than the man who owns it is making.

And besides this, one of our neighbors owns a fine gin all by himself, and it is a public utility, and we all know that science invented all the machinery in it. And yet, this very man has the brazen effrontery to walk off with all the profit made by that machinery, and don't even say thank you to the rest of us. We all patronize this gin and to be honest about it, it is a great convenience to us. But long before the first boll of cotton opens this fall we are going to have that gin down at the socialist mourners bench. And, right here we want your help and valuable advice. Would you advise that we confiscate this gin by taxation or would that look too much like stealing? You see we don't want to be too plain about it "for people will talk."

With the exception of his wife and children, the gin is about all the man owns, but that makes no difference, for that machinery is making a profit and he has no right to all of it. Now this is only a very small affair, and as you have not yet been very definite in your explanations, we want you to come across and tell us just how to change this gin from private to public ownership. Give us this one "tip" and then we will know how to wag off with the oil mill at Graham for we need that too.

Salemite.

Letter from J. E. Parsons.

Littlefield, Texas, 5, 15, 1915. Reporter and Friends:

Once more I will try to write you from here. We arrived home Tuesday at 10 o'clock after leaving Graham, when we started home, on Saturday. We came to Megargel to see mother and George's family, and found them all well. Mother is well and peart for age. She did not feel like she could come down to Graham to meet us on the sad mission we were on, Alta being a favorite of hers. It was too much for her, so we came by to see her. God bless and care for her in her old age (she was 89 on the 12th day of last September).

We were met there Sunday morning by T. A. Parsons and family, who spent the day, Truman having moved to Seymour just before that time. We had a pleasant day with home folks. Miss Mary Allen came over and spent Sunday evening with us. Monday morning we started home via Wichita Falls, Amarillo and Texico. Tuesday morning was the first time I was ever in New Mexico. We stayed thirty minutes in Texaco. I did not see any difference in the country over there and here only there was a sign over about half the houses "Saloon." Some very nice farms close around Texico. Texico is fifty-three miles west of here. We were tired of traveling and glad to get home at 10 o'clock. Mr. McGowen looked after our things while we were gone. He is well. We found Don Parsons here, back from New Mexico. Don says Littlefield is good enough for him now, but may go farther east for winter. It has been raining out here until the last ten or twelve days, but the land that has not been broke is getting hard so if it don't rain soon there will not be much late feed planted here.

We did not get the papers yesterday as we usually do. We are always glad to get the papers. I hope to find letters from all around in the paper in the morning.

With best wishes to all I am,
J. E. Parsons.

Local and Personal Mention

Buy your groceries this month from R. L. Reed & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Arnold spent Friday in Fort Worth.

Pierce-Fordyce gasoline and kerosene, the best on earth. 33-35c C. C. Johnson, Agent.

A. B. Eddleman was in Dallas this week on business.

Mrs. Arthur Mayes is in the city visiting her father, J. L. Flint.

Buy Golden Sun Coffee from R. L. Reed & Co.

A. W. Kay and D. G. Vick left Wednesday for a business trip to West Texas.

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H. M. Yates of Wichita Falls was in the city this week visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Hinson.

Mrs. Lum Hinson and daughter left Thursday for Wichita Falls to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Yates.

Land Abstracts furnished on short notice.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gibson of Crowell, were pleasant visitors at The Reporter office Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Gaines B. Hall are visiting in Eliasville this week.

Lost—A ducking canteen, between Tonk Valley and town. Finder please return to Reporter office.

W. C. Harrell, manager of the John E. Morrison Co., store at Newcastle, was a business visitor in the city Monday.

Have you seen the nice display of appropriate gifts for all occasions now on exhibition in the show window at J. L. Woods Jewelry Store? 33tf

Mrs. S. B. Street and daughter, Mrs. Harry Wadsworth, and Mrs. Q. Street are in Mineral Wells to spend two weeks.

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Miss Aline Johnson is at home from Chickasha, Okla., where she has been teaching expression.

M. K. Graham shipped two cars of calves to the Ft. Worth market Tuesday. They brought an average of \$8.12 1/2.

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Chas. Hutchison attended the K. of P. convention in Ft. Worth this week.

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Miss Laura Martin of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Hoch of Galveston were guests of Mrs. Bob McCloud and Mrs. Graves Sunday and Monday.

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Miss Ina Lou Biggs of Stephenville is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. W. King, who returned from their trip to the west Monday.

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Mrs. W. M. Howard left yesterday for Carrollton in response to a message stating that her brother was dangerously ill with appendicitis.

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Mrs. J. H. Wood is visiting her son, Jim, in Bridgeport.

Dr. Will Padgett has been appointed county health officer to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. J. L. Williamson, resigned.

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Rev. T. M. Cunningham arrived in the city this week from Austin. He will be engaged in evangelistic work in this county this summer.

For breakfast try a box of Swift's Premium sliced bacon at R. L. Reed & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayes were in Fort Worth Friday to meet Mrs. Mayes' daughter, Miss Simms, of St. Louis, who is visiting them here.

Dr. L. W. Price of Cleburne was in the city this week en route to Eliasville to visit his father.

C. C. Johnson left this morning for Fort Worth to attend a district meeting of the agents of the Pierce-Fordyce Oil Assn.

Don't miss the second episode of the Master Key tonight at the New Electric Theatre.

The serial Runaway June will be shown at the New Electric Theatre every Thursday night instead of Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gallaher left for Dallas Saturday, where John has a position with the telephone company.

Tomorrow night at the New Electric Theatre "At the Old Cross Roads" a five-part feature will be shown. The picture depicts a real race war between the whites and blacks.

For Sale—One 6-plow cultivator for sale cheap. Answer quick. 34c Mabry & Son.

Mrs. H. E. Eddleman, Miss Bertha Eddleman and Mrs. W. H. Logan are visiting in Weatherford.

Second hand binder for sale. Almost new. Terms to suit. 32-34c R. G. Hallam.

Littlefield, Texas, 5, 16, 1915. West Texas Reporter.

Dear Editor: We want to thank the people of Graham and surrounding country for the many kind deeds and words of sympathy tendered us while we were home to bury our dear girl. Words cannot express the gratitude in our hearts to you, in trying to show the love you had for Alta. We miss her oh so much and when I come in she is not there with that sweet smile to meet me that she always had. Our hearts are sad, but we know the pure sweet life she lived was not in vain. Though short, she had made many friends who will love her memory, besides mama and papa. Such friends help us to bear the sorrow. It is so hard to see a young life that had promised much, taken away so young, but God knows best and we bow our heads in submission to His will and try to say "not my will, Oh! God but thy will be done."

If ever it should be the will of God to take from your homes your loved ones may God send friends to help you over the rough places as He has sent to us; and help us all to live as loyal to our God as the one we weep for, has lived so we may be prepared to meet her where she is awaiting us on the shores of the River of Death to help us land safely in that haven of rest, and forever be with her and Christ and God, where no more deaths and partings come. May God bless you all is our earnest prayer. J. E. Parsons and wife.

J. L. Graves of Lubbock is in the city this week on business and to visit the family of his son, John Graves.

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WEST TEXAS REPORTER

MING BEND

Health is pretty good in this vicinity. Only one case of the mumps. Little Linnie Owen has the mumps.

We are sure having some pretty weather. Everybody is busy getting their cotton and feed stuff planted.

Bro. Pursley filled his regular appointment here Sunday at 11 o'clock and also Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Good congregations were present at both services.

W. A. Pickard and mother-in-law, Mrs. Ainsworth, Miss Ella Askew and Malcolm Kramer took dinner at Sam Williams' Sunday.

S. L. Ribble and wife, Jim Smith and mother, Mr. Tanner and family took dinner at Riley Sims' Sunday.

Hugh Ribble, Bill Sims, Everett Newby, Joe Sims and Will Askew went to Fox Hollow Saturday afternoon to the baseball game.

Miss Ella Pickard and Archie Newby attended the ball game Saturday afternoon.

Will Askew, Hugh Ribble, Bill and Joe Sims attended the party in Salem Saturday night. W. A. Pickard went to town Saturday.

Mrs. Lily Gibbs of Graham visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Lisle, a few days the past week.

F. Herron of Graham has been down to his farm on business the past week.

Walter Tanner and family visited his brother, W. A. Sims, a few days the past week.

W. A. Sims and Jesse Owen went down on Cedar Creek Friday and stayed until Saturday fishing. They had pretty good luck.

Roy Ribble worked for Mr. Askew this week.

Emmett Askew and wife went to town Saturday and also visited relatives at Mountain Home Sunday and got their little daughter, Louise, who had been visiting relatives the past week.

Bro. Purseley, Jim Barnes and wife, Bill Joe, and Gee Sims, Misses Rosa Pickard, Jessie

Sims, and Ella Pickard, and Archie Newby took dinner at Mr. Newby's Sunday.

W. R. Gibbs and family spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. Newby's.

Mrs. Mollie Ribble spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Jennie Kutch.

Joe Marshall has been having fine luck fishing. He sent 85 pounds of fish to town Saturday. O. D. Lisle and family went to town Saturday.

Bill Sims and sister, Mrs. Sadie Owen, went to town Friday afternoon and returned home that night.

W. R. Gibbs caught a fish Saturday night that weighed 16 pounds and said he let the largest one get away.

Mrs. P. A. Newby visited her daughter, Mrs. Mattie Gibbs, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Mattie Gibbs and mother Mrs. Newby, spent Friday with Mrs. Eula Sims.

Archie Newby and Miss Ella Pickard, Olaf Ribble and Miss Reuby Newby and Everett Newby went to Frank Ribble's Saturday night and ate cream.

Mr. Criswell of Oklahoma has moved to the house vacated by Mr. Reeves. Mr. Criswell has a broom factory. He also has broomcorn seed to sell.

A. W. Roark, wife and daughter, Millie, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Criswell.

I will hand my pencil to some of you good writers and go. Rainy Day.

It may be commendable to talk about helping the farmer. But many farmers are from Missouri and would be satisfied if some one would show them how to help themselves.

NOTICE.

All members of Hound Men's Associations in adjoining counties are invited to meet with us Monday, May 10, 1915, at Graham, Texas. Wolf, Fox & Hound Men's Assn. J. B. Foster, Pres.

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The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Young County.—Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to Summon J. T. Elmore by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Young County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Graham, on the first Monday in September A. D. 1915, the same being the 6th day of September A. D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 28th day of April A. D. 1915, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1749, wherein Jennie Elmore is plaintiff, and J. T. Elmore is defendant, and said petition alleging:

That plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married January 16, 1911 and lived together as husband and wife till April 18, 1911, when defendant, without cause, left the plaintiff with intention of abandonment and has not been heard of since.

House and Lot No. 10, Block No. 77, Newcastle was purchased after marriage but with the separate funds of plaintiff and is her separate property. Plaintiff prays that bonds of matrimony be dissolved; that her title to said property be confirmed as her separate estate.

Herein Fail Not but have before said Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Willie Riggs, Clerk of the District Court of Young County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Graham, this, the 23rd day of April A. D. 1915.

WILLIE RIGGS, Clerk, District Court, Young Co. 31-34 By Pearl Matthews, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Young County.—Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to Summon Malissia Harmon by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 30th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 30th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Young County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Graham, on the first Monday in September A. D. 1915, the same being the 6th day of September A. D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 28th day of April A. D. 1915, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1748, wherein George M. Harmon is plaintiff, and Malissia Harmon is defendant, and said petition alleging:

That plaintiff is an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas and has resided in the County of Young for at least six months next preceding the filing of this suit. That on or about the 10th day of September A. D. 1905, in Jack County, Texas, plaintiff was lawfully married to defendant, then a single woman by the name of Malissia Rombo. That they continued to live together as husband and wife until on or about the 15th day of August, 1906, when by reason of a disagreement defendant voluntarily left plaintiff's bed and board for a space of more than three years without just cause. That said marriage relations between plaintiff and defendant still exist.

Plaintiff alleges that defendant's actions and conduct toward him generally are of such a nature to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable, the premises considered.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays the Court that defendant be cited to appear and answer herein and for judgment dissolving said marriage relations, for cost of suit, and for such other and further relief special and general, in law and equity that he may be entitled to.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Willie Riggs, Clerk of the District Court of Young County. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Graham, this, the 28th day of April A. D. 1915.

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